THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) According to the guidelines issued by the Department of Personnel and Training, Departmental Promotion Committees (DPC) should be convened at regular annual intervals to draw up panels for promotion for vacancies occuring during ,the course of a year. Regular promotions to higher posts are made only after the panels drawn by the Departmental Promotion Committees are approved by the appointing authorities. Instructions have also been issued to the effect that in the even* of bunching of vacancies of selection posts pertaining to more than a year .due to non-holding of DPCs in particular year(s), year-wise panels should be drawn up so that officers promoted against vacancies relating to previous year(s) are placed senior to those promoted against vacancies in subsequent years.

(c) A post of Deputy Commissioner (Training) to which Assistant Commissioners of Kendriya Vidaya-laya-Sangathan are eligible for promotion fell vacant on 1-6.1988. The Department Promotion Committee will meet shortly to give its recommendations in this regard.

आरक्षण में यात्रियों को पेश आने वाली समस्यायें

1960. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि रेलगाड़ियों के आरम्भ होने के स्थानों में भी विभिन्न श्रेणियों के आरक्षण प्राप्त करने में अत्याधिक कठिनाई होती है यहां तक कि यात्रियों को गैर-सरकारी एजेंसियों की मदद से भी आरक्षण प्राप्त करना पड़ता है और इस तरह के कार्य से रेल आरक्षण में कदाचारों को बढ़ावा मिलता है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि वापसी यात्रा के लिए पहले से ही आरक्षण करा लेने के बाद भी आरक्षण प्राप्त करना संभव नहीं होता और यात्रियों को गंभीर कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ता है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो विभिन्न स्टेशनों पर आरक्षण के प्रतिशत का निर्धारण करने का मानदण्ड क्या है और यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कि यात्रियों को इसके कारण कठिनाई का सामना न करना पड़े रेल प्राधिकारियों द्वारा क्या उपचारी कदम उठाये जा रहे है अथवा उठाये जाने का विचार है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री महावीर प्रसाद) : (क) और (ख) भीड़-भाड़ की अवधि अर्थात् गर्मी/क्रिसमस की छुट्टियों, पूजा की छुट्टियों आदि के दौरान यात्रा वापसी यात्रा के लिए बहिरक्षण प्राप्त करने में यात्रियों द्वारा कुछ कठिनाइयां अनुभव की जाती रही है । वापसी आरक्षण उपलब्ध नहीं होने के बारे में कुछ शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई है ।

(ग) स्थान की समग्र उपलब्धता और विभिन्न स्टेशनों की मांग के रुख को ध्यान में रखते हुए विभिन्न स्टेशनों पर आरक्ष कोटा निर्धारित किया जाता है ।

अतिरिक्त भीड़-भाड़ की निकासी के उद्देश्य से विशेष गाड़ियां चलायी जाती है और जहां आवश्यक होता है, डिब्बों की संख्या बढ़ा दी जाती है । आरक्षण हथियाने में संलिप्त दलालों और रेल कर्मचारियों को पकड़ने के लिए अचानक जांच की जाती है ।

National Planning on Health Programme

1961. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE b« pleased to state;

(a) whether the various Research Councils of Indian System of Medicine in Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Na-

turopathy and Yoga are being involved in National planning of health programmes;

(b) whether Government propose to bring out a policy-statement on conservation and cultivation of medicinal plants; if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether planning for medicinal plants would be made in Eighth Plan; if so, whether any task force has been set up for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) The Research Councils in Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, Naturopathy and Yoga are basically involved in research activities, namely Drug Research, Clinical Research, Fundamental Research and Survey of Medicinal Plants etc. However, under their Clinical Research Programme, the Research Councils provide medical care to the patients through their Research Units and Mobile units. Thus, the Councils have no specific role in the national planning of health programmes.

(b) There are a number of Ministries involved in the matters relating to medicinal plants. However, as per the information available, there is no specific proposal under the Central Government to bring out a policy statement on conservation and cultivation of medicinal plants.

(c) The schemes for Eighth Plan have not been formulated as yet and no separate task force has been set up for this purpose.

Out break of Gastroenteritis in Ludhiana

1962. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether any inquiry/study has been conducted about the outbreak of gastrc-enteritis in Ludhiana in Punjab;

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) According to the information .received from the state Health authorities, 16 cases with 1 death due to cholera and 530 cases with 1 death due to gastroenteritis have been reported from Ludhiana district up to end of 31st July, 1988..

The following steps have been taken te contain the spread of these diseases:

— 2,82,750 anti cholera innoculation have been carried out.

— 5 lakh halogen tablets have been distributed.

— Health education campaigns regarding personal hygiene and environmental sanitation, 50,000 pamphlets and use of audio visual media including Doordarshan has been made.

— Supply of ORS packets.

— Chlorination of drinking water sources.

Financial assistance for promotion of tourist fairs and festivals

1963. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give financial assistance to States for the promotion in tourist fairs and festivals during the current financial year; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) what amount is proposed to be aliotted during the current year to Tamil Nadu?